



Milwaukee County

Supervisor Patricia Jursik, 8th District

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COALITION OF SOUTH SHORE MILWAUKEE COUNTY LEADERS OPPOSE HOAN BRIDGE DEMOLITION

I-794 bridge partly responsible for south shore development

Milwaukee, WI – 8th District Milwaukee County Supervisor Patricia Jursik, who represents St. Francis, Cudahy, South Milwaukee and parts of Oak Creek, has assembled a coalition of elected officials opposed to the possibility of tearing down the Dan Hoan Bridge on Milwaukee's South Side.

“Replacing I-794’s Hoan Bridge with ground level lift bridges is not a satisfactory alternative,” Supervisor Jursik said. “Much of the rapid development in the southern portion of Milwaukee County is due to vital transportation links like the Hoan Bridge.”

Supervisors Marina Dimitrijevic and Christopher Larson, along with Cudahy Mayor Ryan McCue, St. Francis Mayor Al Richards, South Milwaukee Mayor Thomas Zepecki, and Milwaukee Alderman Terry Witkowski, joined Supervisor Jursik in sending a letter to Wisconsin Department of Transportation Secretary Frank Busalacchi, asking the State to change course and plan for the necessary upkeep of the current Hoan Bridge design.

“Would you suggest lift bridges over I-94 crossing the Wisconsin River near Dane County, or any other county for that matter?” the letter reads. “If there is further planning, we ask to be specifically notified so that we may have input before any decisions are reached.”

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